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Osamu HASHIMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9440
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSPECTING SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

LETTER UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

AND REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449


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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 2, 2004.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action Summary dated May 31, 2003, that a copy of PTO Form 1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 8, 2001 was attached to the Office Action. However, the form was not attached to the Office Action when received by the undersigned. It is requested that a copy be provided.

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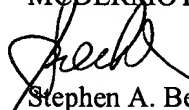
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The Notice of Allowability indicates that claims 1-12 have been allowed. This is incorrect. The total allowed claims should read **1-6 and 8-12**. Claim 7 was cancelled in the Amendment filed June 27, 2002.

It is respectfully requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be mailed correcting this error and that the records of the Patent Office be corrected to ensure that the deed of Letters Patent will be printed correctly.

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